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# Lawrence football coach to be ousted

By JACK WARK and AL ZAPPALA

Vince Keough will be booted as Lawrence High School football coach before next season.

The Journal has learned that LHS Athletic Director Ralph Wolfendale plans to recommend the ouster of Keough and that a majority of the school committee will accept that recommendation.

Action on the coach's position, which carries a \$3500-a-year salary and an automatic LHS teaching appointment, could come at a school committee meeting prior to the end of December.

Wolfendale has made no public statement regarding the recommendation he plans to make.

Privately, however, the athletic director has said he will recommend that Keough be ousted.

A school committee source told the Journal this week that Mayor John Buckley, Edward Callahan and Stephen Zanni are all but certain to provide the votes needed to dump Keough, who came to LHS three years ago from an Albany, N.Y. school and has had three losing seasons here.

If, as anticipated, Keough is sacked, it is expected that the vacant coach's spot will draw intense interest from at least four well-known local coaches. The four are: Bob Rosmarino, Methuen High School coach; Larry Klimas, Austin Prep coach; John Kelleher, LHS basketball coach and onetime

Villanova University football star; and Bob Fitzgerald, LHS assistant football coach.

The hiring of Keough ignited an uproar among Lawrence school officials and residents who felt the coach's job should have gone to a local person.

Critics of Keough have charged that he has failed to establish a rapport with his players, which, they claim, is evidenced by the fact that several topnotch gridders either have quit the team or refused to try out for it.

Wolfendale has told friends that if Keough is removed as coach, he would like to see the post go to someone—such as Rosmarino, Klimas, Kelleher or Fitzgerald—who is familiar with the local football situation.

## Looking around

### Stephen Zanni

Lawrence School Committee man Stephen Zanni is expected to seek the 1974 Democratic nomination for the state representative's seat now held by Arthur Khoury.

While Zanni has declined comment on the subject, sources close to him say that he will run and that he will announce his candidacy in February.



ZANNI

Redistricting is expanding Khoury's district to include Precincts 4 and 6 in Lawrence Ward 1 and Precincts 2, 3, 4, and 5 in Lawrence Ward 2—all precincts in which Zanni showed plenty of strength in this year's school committee election.

The district also includes all of Lawrence Wards 3 and 4 and Methuen Precincts 2 and 6.

Khoury, a Lawrence Democrat, is a sure bet to go for re-nomination next year while James Graham, a Methuen Town Council member, is rated a strong possibility to enter the race.

### Money game

Syndicated columnist Jack Anderson reported this week that oil and gasoline executives gave at least \$5 million to President Nixon's re-election campaign.

Anderson said the first signs of an oil shortage appeared as early as 1969, but oil firms, aided by Mr. Nixon, held down imports to keep prices up.

Major oil contributors to Nixon:

Exxon executives gave \$442,000, but the company recouped with a \$1.6 billion profit for its first three quarters in 1973, a jump of 59 percent over 1972.

Gulf executives gave \$1.1 million, including an illegal corporate contribution laundered through a subsidiary in the Bahamas. Gulf later reported a 60 percent increase in profits.

Two other oil companies, Ashland and Phillips, pleaded guilty to illegal contributions of \$100,000 apiece.

Amerada Hess gave \$268,500. Standard of California gave \$90,000. Sun Oil gave \$145,000.

John Shaheen, a former Nixon law client, gave \$104,000, and his company, Shaheen Natural Resources, got US approval to build a huge refinery in Canada.

### Ticket crisis

People who violate city parking regulations may get off easy for the rest of the year.

The police department, it seems, is running out of traffic tickets, which means that police won't be able to issue as many tickets as they normally do.

Captain Andrew Griffin, head of the police traffic division, says the shortage arose when the police department, anticipating the implementation in January of a new system of handling traffic violations, failed to order an ordinary supply of tickets for this month.

"We're running low on tickets but we don't expect to run out," Griffin told the Journal this week.

Under the new system, police will issue tickets which are larger than the ones now in use and which must be returned to the district court. Presently, tickets are returned to the police station.

### DiFruscia's bill

If Anthony DiFruscia, a former state representative from Lawrence, has his way, it will be a criminal offense for anyone, including newspapers, to publish a marked election ballot.

DiFruscia, through State Rep. Charles Buffone (D-Worcester), has filed legislation which would make the maximum penalty for publishing such a ballot a \$500 fine or six months imprisonment.

DiFruscia said his action was in response to the Lawrence Eagle-Tribune's recent use of a specimen ballot to endorse candidates in the Nov. 8 city elections.

### Michael Dukakis

Michael Dukakis' bid for the 1974 Democratic gubernatorial nomination got a boost last week when US Rep. Michael Harrington, a Beverly Democrat whose district includes North Andover, endorsed him.

Dukakis, a Brookline liberal and former state representative, appears to be making hay in Greater Lawrence. Apart from Harrington, Dukakis has lined up the support of such local notables as State Rep. Arthur Khoury, a Lawrence Democrat; Clifford Elias, law partner in the prestigious Lawrence law firm of Fenton and Elias; William Ammon, Lawrence Council on Aging executive director; Frank Byrne, Andover finance committee chairman; and Patricia McGovern, a state committeewoman from Lawrence.

### Richard Reming

Richard Reming, the popular Lawrence alderman who is being billed as a mayoral challenger in two years, has enrolled in an urban government course at Northeastern University in Boston.

Which, according to sources close to him, is a first step in implementing his plan to run for mayor in 1975.

Says Reming: "All I'll say for now is that I love politics and plan to stay in politics and I don't plan to remain an alderman forever."

The 33-year-old Reming is now in his third term as an alderman and has been the top vote getter among city council candidates in two consecutive elections.

### House building

Two Greater Lawrence organizations have gotten together for an imaginative project.

Under the sponsorship of the Greater Lawrence Chamber of Commerce, schoolboys are going to build a house.

The students are from the carpentry classes at the Greater Lawrence Regional Vocational Technical High School, better known as Vo-Tech.

The students will build a single-family house on land to be purchased in Methuen by the Housing Corp.

Atty. Michael J. Batal Jr., president of the Housing corp., expects the house to be finished in the spring. Once completed, the house will be sold at fair market value.

### Thomas Walsh

Thomas Walsh, Lawrence Redevelopment Authority director, must feel as though he is being avoided.

The word at City Hall is that, for several weeks now, Walsh has been unable to get an appointment with Mayor John Buckley.

The mayor's staff, it is said, persistently tells Walsh that Buckley is too busy to see him.

Meanwhile, talk grows stronger that Buckley would like to oust Walsh from his LRA post.

### Andrew Coburn

A novel by Andrew Coburn, publisher of the Journal, has been accepted for publication by Houghton Mifflin.

The novel, entitled "Southy", deals with a man who has no stomach for violence but commits the ultimate violent act.

The setting is in a city not unlike Lawrence.





For one hour only, John Fallon takes a place behind the counter in the diner that used to be his.

(DANA CAHOON PHOTO)

# The lost world of John Fallon

By ANDREW COBURN

When guys in this city get together, guys who have been around and knew Lawrence when it should have been a movie instead of a reality, they talk of John Fallon, who fits into this city's history the way his teenage hands used to wiggle into boxing gloves, whose diner was like dynamite that went off on weekends, (with Fallon flashing a neon sign to let police know a wagon was needed), whose reputation as a Lawrence politician is supposedly unique (the only pol to leave office without a dime, without a plush job, without a summer home at Seabrook Beach).

"Fallon," they say, "where the hell is he now?" And they know perfectly well where he is — living quietly with his wife Harriet in an elderly housing project in Lawrence, and they shake their heads because this man could have been a millionaire, could have been anything he wanted to be, this handsome Cagney-like character born in a Lawrence tenement in 1900.

His mother and father died during the year he was turning 15, and he went on his own, living alone in a rented room, paying board to a family to mind his 12-year-old sister, working the mills 11 hours a day for \$5.03 a week and working at night at whatever he could find. A batamweight, not too many inches over five feet, he wandered into the smoky clubs of Lawrence's boxing circuit and peppered opponents with fists too fast to see, this kid with a doughnut in his stomach, this boy from "Bloody City," meaning Lawrence, meaning the gutter in those days.

Except it was not the gutter. It was there men and women fought to make lives for themselves and their children, and where John Fallon went to work as a laborer for the city and saved his money and bought a diner in 1923 and created an atmosphere that endured until 1952 when he ran for alderman and topped the ticket.

Fallon's Diner, with what he called a tea room hooked on to it, was not a diner. It was a world. It was where John Fallon could have made a mint and instead fed for free every hobo who wandered in, every street urchin who hadn't eaten that day, and Fallon didn't give them doughnuts. He fed them muffins and eggs and gave them milk to drink.

And he cuffed every racetrack bum who came in tapped out and even lent truck loads of WPA workers money. In days when hamburgers cost a dime, Fallon let guys run up tabs that reached \$200 and never dunned them because he didn't want to lose a friend because friends were gifts, things he treasured.

That was one part of the diner and one side of John Fallon, who never had a key to the place because it was open 24 hours a day and on weekends was wild, with all sorts of fistfights, John Fallon leaping over the counter on one hand like an acrobat to lay out cold some unruly character twice Fallon's size, and that same character, sobered up, would come in with his black eye and say, "Jesus, John, it won't happen again." But it did.

It was a breakfast world that ran from midnight to noon, with people actually lined up outside to get in, and it was a weekend world where, if there was no room inside, people stood outside for hours and talked. Everyone knew everyone else.

It was a world where guys in silk suits with slinky women went after doing the town, where dungareed workers filed in with their wives or girlfriends, where a woman half-bagged came in wearing only her nightgown and, dignified as could be, took a prominent booth in the tearoom.

It was where Tom Concannon, who used to be superintendent of streets, big and husky, a little surly, came in every morning with two strictly fresh eggs in his hand, the only kind he'd eat, and he'd give them to John and say, "Come on, fry 'em up." And Fallon, for a whole year, before Concannon caught on, palmed those two strictly fresh eggs and fed him different ones.

Eggs. Guys who gather to talk about Fallon can't touch one without thinking about him because if someone was giving John a hard time, he'd heave an egg at him. And then it started. Everyone would be heaving eggs.

Ask Tommy Mixon about eggs. He used to work in the city bams and each morning he'd come into the diner when John was busiest and say, "OK, I want 24 coffees, five with, 10 no, seven black, rest regulars, and I want 19 sandwiches, three ham and cheese with mayonnaise, three without, and . . ." And Fallon would mutter "I'll kill that — one of these days." And one of those days a bunch of the boys hid in a truck outside the diner, and when Tommy Mixon came out with his arms loaded with sandwiches and coffees-to-go, the boys let loose with eggs, maybe a hundred. Said one observer: "He got cremated with eggs."

But Mixon got his revenge. He came in one morning with a carton of eggs, and ran the length of the diner smashing and smearing eggs on the counter. Said Mike Massis who worked there (and now owns the diner): "Took us two and a half hours to clean up."

And it was that same Tommy Mixon who as a kid had worked for Fallon and appeared on the Gerry O'Leary radio show broadcast from Fenway Park.

The radio was turned up high at the diner. O'Leary: "And what's your name and where are you from?"

"I'm Tommy Mixon, and I live in Lawrence and work at Fallon's Diner."

O'Leary: "Oh, and what do you do at Fallon's Diner?"

"I kill cockroaches."

The explosion at the diner was heard all over the city.

"But, ah," say the guys who gather to talk about Fallon. "It was all in fun, and it was an information center, a little Tammany Hall, where you went to know what was going on, and to watch the happenings."

There was always an audience for Fallon's method of getting rid of a drunk. Fallon would drop a rag soaked with ammoniac near the drunk's feet and light the rag, and the fumes would do the trick.

So would a little sawdust sprinkled on the top of someone's hat. Drop a match on the hat, and soon the drunk would say, "John, it's getting too hot in here. I'm leaving."

Fallon's Diner. Very informal. "John, come on, I want more crackers than this with my soup!" And John would throw a fistful at him.

Fallon's Diner. Very touching. Said Mike Massis: "I watched John prepare meals for old-timers who came in every day. He worked lovingly at it, as if each old-timer were his father and deserved the best."

Fallon's Diner. Very inviting. The derelict artist who arrived each day with his own bottle of ketchup to make soup. All he needed from John was a bowl of hot water and free crackers. And the crackers were handed to him, not thrown.

The characters: Such as the fellow who deposited his false teeth in a cup before eating. He preferred gumming everything — even steak.

The goings-on: Such as the time one gangster chased another into the diner and fired a shot at him Jesus, Joseph and Mary! Thank God no one was hit. Those were Prohibition days.

The tricks: Such as John's patience running out with the customer who constantly badmouthed the soup. So John put beetles in the soup and called them spices, which pleased the customer until he took a sip and felt something move inside his mouth.

The people who worked for him: He never paid them. They paid themselves. They went to the register and took out what was due them. That was the way John operated. And no one ever cheated him.

The big glass jar on the counter: That was for kids. "Come on, put something in there," he'd tell his customers, and they did, and he ran a yearly penny sale, and collected thousands, and for years sent kids to summer camp in New Hampshire. There was nothing in the world he wouldn't do for a child.

Once a year he gave out free hot dogs to kids in the city, thousands of kids, an army, even though he knew kids were coming in from other communities, but that didn't matter. Kids are kids, and Fallon had never had a chance to be one.

In 1951 Fallon became, in his words, "an alleged alderman." He won in a landslide. He became director of public parks and property and sold his diner to Mike Massis.

Said Mike Massis: "He sold the diner to me the way he did everything in life — with style and with warmth. He said, 'You want the diner. It's yours. Pay me when you can.'"

And John Fallon walked away from the diner that was his life and became an alderman, serving until 1963, and was more popular than Mayor John J. Buckley.

Which wasn't altogether fair to Buckley who certainly must have remembered the old days when he, Buckley, had a hotdog stand that was failing, and Fallon quipped, "John Buckley's doing a nice quiet business."

He was a good alderman and an honest politician and retired undefeated, and today he lives with his wife in the housing project, and they talk much about their son who went to Phillips Academy and Annapolis, and John talks much about his sister, who is now the wife of the city's building inspector.

And sometimes he talks about the diner.

And when he doesn't, others do.



# Energy Lawrence canals. still a power source

LAWRENCE — For about 20 years businesses occupying former textile mill buildings along this city's canals have paid a premium for the sites they occupy.

The payments may be made more cheerfully now that the country is facing an energy crisis.

It costs businesses more to locate along the city's canals because of an old and apparently ironclad lien for "mill power," which is the right to use canal water channeled from the Merrimack River.

The canals were originally built to power the textile mills built along the river during the 19th century. The textile industry moved out about 20 years ago leaving its mills and canal system.

A few industries—Merrimac Paper Co., Atlantic Enterprises and Rowland Industries—which moved into abandoned mill buildings, use the water power now to generate electricity for their own use and as a saleable commodity to the Massachusetts Electric Co.

There are also a number of other businesses along the canals that do not bother with electricity generation (though they must pay for it, anyway) because the machinery costs would be prohibitive, according to Duncan MacKillop, cashier of the Essex Co.

The Essex Co. built and still owns the Lawrence dam and the two-and-one-quarter miles of canals in the city. The company was formed in the last century by a group of businessmen from Boston who, recognizing the river's potential to power mills, carved the seven-square-mile city out of land along the river.

Still based in Boston, the company collects the yearly payments for the mill properties, whether or not the tenants use the canal water.

There have been some court fights through the years because businessmen objected to paying for mill power they did not want or need, but the liens have remained. "If we had lost any of those cases," said Francis Welch, treasurer of the Essex Co., "we'd go bust."

Welch said that with the threatened energy crunch, businessmen might find a ready source of power an enticement, and the mill power, instead of a burden could become a form of insurance.

The amount a company has to pay for the use of the canal water is based, as it was more than 100 years ago, on the yearly price of silver. The price fluctuates and is presently "sky high" according to an Atlantic Enterprises spokesman. Last

year the company paid about \$20,000 to use canal water.

MacKillop said that although silver prices are high now, "the companies had it dang good for 20 years when the price was low."

Canal-side industries are taxed on their mill power because the city sees it as an asset. "At the moment we see it as a liability," said Mrs. Anne Pinette, bookkeeper at Rowland Industries.

MacKillop said that while the Essex Co. is "hopeful" that an industry's capability to produce its own power may become a business advantage, "it won't happen right away because of the economics. It just costs too much."

Merrimac Paper Co., which generates 60 percent of its own

electricity, says it does so because it would cost more to buy it from the electric company. Rather than shut down the water wheels over weekends, the company keeps them going and sells that electricity to Massachusetts Electric Co. according to Robert J. Van Nostrand, president of Merrimac Paper.

Massachusetts Electric Co. said that while it "certainly takes any type of generation and is thankful for it," the amount of electricity from the canal industries is limited and unpredictable. Charles Allen, division marketing manager at the electric company, said that theoretically some industries could generate enough electricity to be self-sufficient but he doubted its practicality.

Bernadine Coburn, an associate editor with the Journal and a correspondent with the Boston Globe, wrote the following article which appeared in last Sunday's Globe about water power from Lawrence's canals. The article is reprinted here.

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Miller

## Accent on Methuen

# Rebirth of composting plans draws fire from 2 officials



Hessler

By JACK WARK

The resurrection of a plan for a solid waste composting operation on a 300-acre parcel that straddles Salem and Pelham, N.H. and Methuen has drawn criticism from two Methuen officials.

Knocking the plan, which Salem, N.H. officials say has resurfaced, were Methuen Town Council Vice President Paul Hessler and Town Administrator Dana Miller.

**SAID HESSLER:** "My basic opposition to the plan is that it shows no regard for residents in the area around the location on which it would be implemented."

Said Miller: "I have serious doubts about several aspects of the plan and probably would oppose it."

The plan for the composting operation,

which comes from All American Environmental Control Corporation of Wilmington, Del., was shot down earlier this year by the Salem Board of Adjustment.

**THE PLAN** had been opposed by many Methuen residents who charged that the composting operation, which would transform horse manure from Rockingham Park Racetrack and rubbish into fertilizer, might create problems with noise, odor and traffic.

"I was in agreement and remain in agreement with the objections that residents had and have in regard to the composting plan," said Hessler. "I'm afraid the operation itself would be noisy and that it would give off a bad odor. Then there would be the traffic problems caused by the trucks that would haul the stuff away."

Moreover, Hessler said the plan disturbed him because it would install a

potentially noxious operation within a short distance of Forest Lake, which, he noted, is Methuen's prime recreation facility.

**"IT'S A TERRIBLE IDEA,"** said Hessler. "This would place a heavily commercial operation right smack in the middle of an agricultural and residential area and right next to a prime recreation area."

Said Miller: "I don't know of any compost operation anywhere that works. They simply don't work. This one would raise health problems and traffic problems, just to name a couple of the problems."

The operation has been proposed for land owned by Martin Garabedian, 372 Hampshire Road, Methuen.

A spokesman for the firm which proposed the operation has said that the firm is "working avidly" to present renewed and, presumably, more detailed plans.



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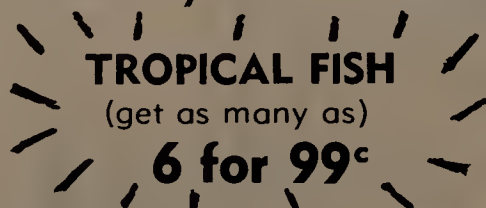


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## Jazz ensemble to perform

The Chamber Jazz Ensemble will perform a program of classical, rock and eastern-influence jazz in a Cabaret Concert to be held Friday evening, December 7, 1973, at 8 p.m. in the new College Center at Northern Essex Community College, 100 Elliott St., Haverhill.

Performers will be Finegold on flute and woodwinds, McKinley on the electric piano, Ed Schuller, amplified acoustic bass, and Roger Rayan, drums.

Rayan has worked with Woody Herman and Bobby Rydell and has done TV work in New York City including appearances on the Johnny Carson show. Schuller has performed with jazz artists Jacki Byard and Rand Blake. McKinley has played with the Chicago Symphony and the London Symphony and has made jazz concert appearances with Jimmy Heath, Curtis Fuller, Art Farmer, Kenny Burrell, Clark Terry and Eric Kloss.

Finegold, a member of the Northern Essex faculty, has performed with the Boston Jazz Rock Association, the New Haven Symphony, the Boston Rock Symphony and the Yale Symphony.

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MRS. SMALL

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## She'll give her shirt-and yours

By SUSAN BATTLES

"Hold on to your shirt — here comes Mama!"

The mama in question is Mrs. Judith Small, a waitress at the Ceder Crest Restaurant on Broadway in Lawrence for the past 18 years, and the supporter of five different black families in Mississippi for the last six of those years.

The warning to hold on to your shirt was voiced by Mrs. Small's daughter Susan, now a nurse in New York, who had watched her mother in action, sending box after box of clothes, shoes, towels, sheets, stainless steel, soap, and countless other items to black families living on cotton plantations in the deep South.

Mrs. Small, who says, "If I don't do an act of charity each day, I'm unhappy," works the 3 to 11 night shift in the diner at the restaurant, and works full time days as the business agent for Local Union 319 (Restaurant and hotel employees).

Mrs. Small sat in her drab union office in the French Social Building early one morning this week and talked very matter-of-factly about helping support "her families" who live in desperate poverty in one-room shacks on southern plantations.

"I first got involved when Martin Luther King was active, and I read an article saying if you wanted to help, the best way was to do it was directly," she explains.

She joined an organization called Box Operation, she says, which matches families with children who wear the same size. The point is to send old but usable clothes to black Southern children so they can attend school, and perhaps improve their lots in life.

Two years ago, Mrs. Small had her son Tom, a senior at Haverhill High School, drive her to Mississippi where she got to see first hand the poverty and despair that still exist in the South of the 1970's.

"It was the most horrible thing — the poverty, flies, disease. I went to one shack where the mother was in the hospital and one baby had pneumonia even though it was summer. I went to the refrigerator and it was stone bare so I went out and for \$18 bought the basics so they could eat," Mrs. Small recalls.

Because the cost of sending bundles through the mail has become so expensive, Mrs. Small is only able to afford to send to one family now — her "original family" that lives on a plantation in Tchula, Mississippi.

"I sent Mattie (the mother) a pair of shoes — it was the first pair of shoes she had had in her life that didn't have holes in them," Mrs. Small says. "It took six months of writing

before I could get things going with her. I had to get her to trust me and open up, and had to let her know just how much I could do for her — I was a mother supporting a family and putting my kids through school."

Mattie never asked for a thing, Mrs. Small said, but was so grateful for anything that was done for her. Her family now has all the basics, and she can use the money she earns working on the plantation (\$65 a month) for food stamps.

Mrs. Small says many Southern blacks have high blood pressure. "They live on salt pork and cook everything in grease," she says. She has tried to send food that's high in protein — peanut butter, beans — to compensate for the poor diet, and at the same time, try to educate her families about reducing the amount of cholesterol they consume.

Mrs. Small's incredible generosity comes so naturally to her that she isn't even aware she is doing anything particularly out of the ordinary.

She says she takes a dollar a night from the tips she makes at the diner, and puts it away for Mattie and her family. She has also hit her friends, telling them not to throw anything away, but to turn it over to her instead.

"I've sent Mattie some beautiful stuff," Mrs. Small says proudly. "She's gotten dresses from Bonwit's that my friends gave me."

And the image of a black women in Mississippi wearing Bonwit Teller dresses in a tar paper shack with a dirt floor and a wood stove would be comical if it weren't so pathetic.

One of Mattie's daughters, Minnie Pearl, got married in one of Mrs. Small's daughter's prom dresses, and has since had a baby. Now Mrs. Small is trying to get together enough warm clothes for the baby to last the winter.

Two of Mattie's other daughters died in childbirth, and Mattie took over raising the children, Mrs. Small says.

Mrs. Small has tried to alleviate some of the discomfort of Mattie's living conditions — she has seen to it that she has linoleum on the floor now, an iron to use on the clothes she has sent, and has gotten the family to the point where they're no longer embarrassed to go to church on Sunday.

"The poverty there is etched so strongly on my mind — I want to go back next year," Mrs. Small says.

But for Mrs. Small to go back next year would mean leaving the house she built in West Newbury last year. "It took me 18 years, but I have the most marvelous little home in the middle of conservation land. Getting my house was like an act of God," Mrs. Small says.

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# Huge oil refinery could foul air in Lawrence, Methuen

By DAN FITTS

The giant oil refinery now being discussed for Lowell and Dracut could have a big impact on Methuen and Lawrence.

For the refinery, or at least a good chunk of it, could very well be built in Dracut only a few stones' throws west of the Methuen line. And if that happens, nearby Methuen residents and others in Greater Lawrence will surely be aware of it.

One of the apparent prime spots for the refinery is in East Dracut on the Methuen border, though Lowell and Dracut officials deny any site has been chosen yet. Richard Williams of Lowell, an environmental consultant and former congressional candidate who has been studying the refinery question, said East Dracut contains the largest stretch of vacant land left in town and is sure to figure high in the plans of the refinery's boosters.

Much vacant land would be essential for a project of the refinery's scope. Massport, which wants the refinery as a complement to an offshore terminal it hopes to get built, is talking about one that can process 250,000 barrels of oil a day. A Massport report says such a plant could require 1,000 acres. Lowell itself has only 100 acres of vacant industrial land left, but East Dracut has plenty of room.

Williams told the Journal the huge refinery could foul the air for miles downwind with a strong rotten egg smell, could pollute the Merrimack, and add noise and traffic to its neighborhood.

He said there may be environmental advantages to having a refinery built inland, where it could not pollute the ocean, but it should be far out in the country, he said. "My own opinion is you really don't want to build it next to population centers," said Williams.

He said federal laws governing oil refineries may be fairly strict, but they say nothing about

odors, and they don't go so far as to insist on no pollutants at all. Richard Keppler, an Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) official, said quiet, clean refineries can be built if enough money is spent on them and they are located properly. It is apparently up to local officials to choose the oil company that will promise to build such a refinery.

Another EPA official told the Journal that "a refinery will have a negative impact on anyone's environment." He said that the more facts are made available about a refinery before it is built, the more ammunition conservationists opposed to it will have.

Environmental impact aside, what effect would a Lowell-Dracut refinery have on the economy of Greater Lawrence? Dracut and possibly Lowell would get the tax benefits. There would not be a great number of jobs outside of the construction industry. Even as large a refinery as the one that's proposed would have a permanent labor force of only about 500, according to the Massport report.

The EPA official said a refinery, if coupled with a reliable source of crude oil, might give people in its vicinity some "energy security." "That's about your only benefit," he added.

It is still far from certain a refinery will be built in Greater Lowell. Officials of Lowell and Dracut deny they have jumped on the refinery bandwagon, but say they want the Raytheon Company to study the pros and cons first. They say that after the public has seen all the facts, they will put the matter on the ballot and let the voters decide whether they want a refinery or not.

Mrs. Anita Webster of Dracut, who is opposed to the refinery, said she doubts many townspeople have strong opinions one way or the other. Much will depend on the Raytheon study and presentations.

The refinery will have to hurdle other obstacles besides the referendum questions. Any refinery will hinge on Massport's success in building an offshore oil terminal which can pipe crude oil inland (the terminal is in the early planning stages now), and on the willingness of oil companies to build a refinery.

James Ellis, executive director of the Lawrence Chamber of Commerce, said U.S. Rep. Paul Cronin assured members of the Merrimack Valley Council of Chambers of Commerce a while ago that five different oil companies wanted to build in Greater Lowell. Keppler, however, said that since the Arab oil embargoes, "the oil companies are not so sure they know where they can get crude oil. They are looking very carefully at how they are expending their funds."

The refinery Aristotle Onassis is behind for Durham, N.H., complicates things further. It is not clear whether acceptance by Durham of that refinery would make the oil companies lose interest altogether in a Dracut refinery. The EPA official quoted earlier said he thought that if Lowell and Dracut clearly wanted a refinery, they could get one. But, because there are other prospective sites like Durham in New England, Lowell and Dracut wouldn't have to worry about oil companies trying to ram a refinery down their throats if they didn't want one, he said.

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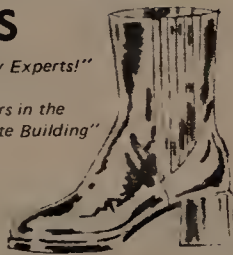
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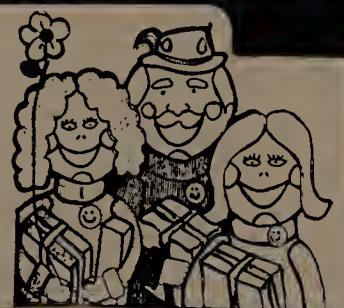
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# Food tips from The Bell Ringer

Because of the terribly high cost of eating, the Bell Ringer was given an unlimited expense account and assigned to spend a week searching for ways to help you trim your budget and, at the same time, enjoy nutritious, satisfying meals. Here is his exclusive report, which—of course—is copyrighted:

1. Plan meals six months at a time and limit shopping trips to once or twice a year, except for necessary fill-ins, like whiskey.
2. Always stop when very hungry. You'll be amazed how easy it is to fill your stomach with a little sample of this and a little sample of that. Furthermore, the help at the super market will be afraid to tell you to stop so long as you look a little wild-eyed.
3. Shop at more than one store. This will make it easier to follow hint No. 2.
4. Avoid labels written in Ubangi.
5. Take along a computer programmer to help you figure out unit pricing.
6. Don't buy from a dirty store unless the prices are real good.
7. Get together with friends to split a case sold at discount. Or even a fifth.
8. When food is weighed in the store, make sure the grocer has his shoes off if he's standing on the scale.

9. Large cuts of meat cost less per pound, so go for the whole hog, steer, pig or horse, whichever your taste.
10. Use leftovers until your family literally gags.
11. When you entertain, look for gourmet recipes that use lower cost meats to yummy advantage, like beef ragout, beef stroganoff or beef gunk.
12. Keep knives sharp to carve meat or poultry and to ward off attacks from your guests.
13. Stretch meat, fish or poultry by having a neighbor pull on the other end.
14. Cutting up whole chickens yourself saves up to 5 cents a pound. Try to obtain a dead chicken. If unsuccessful, do your chicken chasing during the nighttime so as to avoid a lot of cheap neighborhood gossip.
15. Frozen fish usually cost less than fresh, so buy all your fish in the Winter.
16. Dried beans, peas and lentils are economical main dishes. As a combination, however, they're absolutely sickening.
17. Every week, take stock of leftovers and work them into meal plans for the kids on the night you're eating out.
18. Paint your milk bottles white and fill

- them with water. Your kids probably are drinking too much milk, anyway.
19. To keep foods at their peak, park your car in the refrigerator until you have time to unpack your groceries.
  20. Give stale bread to guests that you're sick of.
  21. Buy cereal in large quantities, not individual serving-size. Apply for a commercial loading zone outside your house and buy it by the truck load.
  22. Each week, include soybeans in your menu. To avoid the "beany" taste Americans dislike, force wet soy dough through a cylinder under high pressure and heat.
  23. Insist on cash refunds for store coupons. This may require quite a scene on your part but if you act crazy enough, they'll give you one-tenth of a cent for your coupon.
  24. To get the last bit out of the syrup, ketchup or salad-dressing bottles, close cap tightly and stand upside down until liquid collects near mouth of the bottle. Then get back on your feet and throw the bottle away because you'll never get the cap back off, anyway.
  25. Give up eating altogether in favor of a daily seminar about the people who are starving in India.

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# Editorials

## Power - tripping

Three Lawrence Redevelopment Authority members showed signs of being drunk with power when, at the authority's last meeting they snubbed the recommendations of director Thomas Walsh regarding personnel cutbacks.

Walsh, with backing from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development which ordered payroll cuts and thereby necessitated personnel reductions, proposed laying off a relocation officer, a relocation technician, and a bookkeeper.

His reasoning was that the LRA relocation staff could stand trimming because, he said, its workload has been reduced now that local urban renewal projects have reached advanced stages.

But three LRA members, William Toye, Ann Ogden and Ralph Wolfendale, weren't about to be moved by logic. They were, it appears, too busy showing Walsh that they wield the power at the LRA.

"We don't have to listen to your recommendations," Toye told Walsh.

Which is true—and childish.

Walsh, as director, has the responsibility of knowing which personnel are most needed in order to run the LRA in an efficient manner. He should know. Indeed, he must know if he is to do his own job.

But none of that seems to have crossed the minds of Toye, Mrs. Ogden and Wolfendale.

So they flexed their muscles and whacked Walsh by voting to lay off three clerical employees—including Walsh's secretary.

Neither Toye nor Mrs. Ogden nor Wolfendale offered a convincing explanation for ignoring Walsh's recommendations and doing what they did.

Which raises the ugly possibility that true explanation is that Toye, Mrs. Ogden and Wolfendale were power-tripping at Walsh's expense.

## Lousy news

The announcement came last week, and it was buried deep inside the Eagle-Tribune, as if it were insignificant, had little meaning for readers, an abrupt two-column story saying that 500 workers have been laid off from Lawrence Maid Footwear, a shoe shop where some men and women have worked most of their lives.

Had a new industry come into Lawrence with 500 jobs, the story would have been Page 1, maybe even the lead, the banner head: "500 JOBS FOR LAWRENCE."

That would have been good news, things people want to hear. It's good for business, great for advertising, and readers are reassured that the world's right.

But that other banner headline that wasn't written, "500 LAID OFF" is bad for business. It's lousy news. It unsettles readers, particularly at Christmas time, that peak period of marathon spending.

Creation of new jobs is a positive

story. It inspires confidence in the way things are.

Loss of jobs is negative. It causes questions, particularly in reference to those who run the city.

When new jobs are created, the mayor and many others are interviewed, quick little quotes from them saying the city's on the move.

When jobs are lost, the mayor and others say nothing, maybe because some things are better left unsaid.

Unemployment is rising, particularly in Massachusetts, ironically the only state in the Union that didn't vote for Mr. Nixon.

We have this nightmare economy where prices are rising even though the unemployment rate is too, which is against the rules of economics.

We will soon be returning to a wartime atmosphere of rationing, except that in wartime there is an overabundance of jobs.

All of this is bad news, not at all nice for business. Maybe it shouldn't be printed.

adequate safeguards against the possibility of a "Big Brother" situation, one in which the viewer is watched by cable television while he watches cable television.

It is true that the consumer report on which Mayor White based his decision was geared specifically to Boston. But, clearly, it has some applicability in Lawrence.

It raises questions about the cable system proposed for Lawrence, questions which haven't been answered. And it cites problems with cable television, problems which could afflict Lawrence.

The questions might have been answered and the problems confronted if Mayor Buckley, in the manner of Mayor White, had held public hearings and scrutinized the effects of cable television before issuing a cable license.

Buckley didn't, though. Which might cause him difficulty in the future. He is faced with the responsibility of making certain that Greater Lawrence Community Antenna doesn't abuse the blind trust which he displayed when he gave the firm the cable license last year.

And that could place Buckley in the position of trying to close the barn door after the horses have escaped.

## Editorial points

Rep. Nicholas Buglione is gaining a reputation as one of the most conscientious legislators in the state (he stays up late and does his homework, totally involves himself with issues, and puts himself on the line). As a result, he has become a powerful voice on the Ways and Means Committee. Rep. Gerard Guilmette is also on Ways and Means, but his voice is hardly heard, which apparently doesn't bother him.

In Andover, Finance Committee chairman Frank Byrne has asked the selectmen for closer cooperation with FinCom on vital issues. In the past, the selectmen have had a reputation of "going it alone" on town affairs, and some members have been called arrogant, particularly Milton Greenberg. On the surface, the selectmen appeared receptive to Byrne's request. Time will tell.

Congratulations are in order for Western Electric's North Andover plant which has begun a paper recycling program.

"What a hell of a Christmas gift!" said one of the 500 workers laid off at the Lawrence Maid Footwear Co. on Island Street in Lawrence. The worker's anger was not directed at the shoe shop as much as at the country's economic conditions. "What bugs me," he said, "is that I voted for Nixon. At that time, I used to think of myself as a hard-hat, and I was proud of it. Now I see that I was protecting a soft head."

Remember the SST? That was the superduper supersonic transport plane President Nixon said was mandatory for this country but couldn't convince Congress to approve the billion to build it. Thank God. The fuel to fly it would have had to come from Heaven.

Credit is due Lawrence Alderman Richard A. Reming for establishing a group to study the city's building regulations and tighten laws to ensure quality construction and do away with slums. The number of smart operators who have made their little fortunes in Lawrence as slum landlords is appalling.

A prediction: Mr. Nixon will go down in history as this country's most petty president, its most dishonest one, and, worse than that, the man who brought the United States to the brink of disaster and lowered its prestige throughout the world.

Mr. Nixon's current shame: Allowing the oil companies to do what they've done to the American public. The profits of the oil companies are fantastic, and so were some of the illegal contributions some of the oil executives made to Mr. Nixon's campaign. But not one of the executives will go to jail for those criminal acts, the same as Agnew didn't go to jail for his.

The higher a man's money worth and the higher his connections the less likely it is he would go to jail for crimes he might commit. It's wrong, but it's the way things are done. It's called justice.

## Cable TV

It's too bad for Lawrence that Boston Mayor Kevin White waited until last week to decide against cable television for Boston.

White's decision might have been food for thought for Lawrence Mayor John Buckley, who last year handed a cable license for Lawrence to Greater Lawrence Community Antenna, Inc. of Lawrence.

There were several reasons for White's decision, which, unlike Buckley's decision to grant a cable license, came after public hearings and lengthy study.

Principal among White's reasons was the assertion of a consumer council report that the dangers and complexities of cable television haven't been fully explained to the public.

Another of White's reasons was the report's revelation that cable television hasn't developed one of its primary functions, which is to broadcast locally produced community service programs.

Another was that, according to the consumer report, the implementation of a cable system necessitates the ripping up of streets to lay cables, which, the report noted, is costly and disruptive.

Another was the report's claim that cable television hasn't developed

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# Famous feuds - Lawrence - style

Politics in Lawrence, like the politics in most cities, is a brutal game. It is a game soaked in viciousness, one in which getting even is a cardinal rule and in which there is no forgiving.

The feud between Mayor John Buckley and Lawrence Housing Authority member Donald Kiley is illustrative of all that and more.

It has raged for nearly a decade, ripping through family ties, fracturing political alliances and maybe even altering the course of Lawrence government.

The bitterness began in the early 1960's when Buckley gave a municipal job, which Kiley wanted, to somebody else. Kiley, who is Buckley's cousin and was a member of Buckley's inner-most circle of associates, felt the mayor owed him the job.

Buckley, always one to resent presumption on the part of political allies, felt differently.

The battle started.

Kiley, who rates as one of Lawrence's cleverest political strategists, left the Buckley camp. He went looking for a way to get even with Buckley. More specifically, he went looking for someone to knock Buckley out of the mayor's office.

Kiley's search led him in early 1965 to the office of an up-and-coming lawyer named Daniel Kiley Jr. (no relation to Donald). In November of 1965, Daniel Kiley Jr., with an abundance of help from Donald Kiley, booted Buckley, then in his seventh term as mayor, out of office.

What Donald Kiley had done made him a Judas in the eyes of many relatives and erstwhile friends. The lines of communication between Kiley



Mayor Buckley

Donald Kiley

and Buckley were severed, except for insults and accusations which the two men traded via various third parties.

The two men still do not speak. Similarly, a pit of bitter silence lies between members of the Kiley side of the family and the Buckley side.

An example of how far the animosity extends involves a young member of the family, who, until recently, dropped in from time to time at a Methuen night club which Kiley owns.

Buckley, the story goes, found out about his young relative's visits to Kiley's place; became enraged and promptly put a stop to them.

When Buckley regained the mayor's office in 1971, one of the first things he did was to move against the LHA, which was then and, thanks

largely to Kiley's maneuvering, still is a nest of anti-Buckley types.

Ostensibly, Buckley's aim was to scuttle what he claimed were ill-conceived plans for several million dollars worth of public housing.

It didn't require much vision, though, to see that a major motivation behind Buckley's move on the LHA was his desire to smash that cabal of anti-Buckley people, the rather obvious ringleader of which was Kiley.

Buckley blew the LHA public housing plans out of the water, but not until Kiley had subjected him to almost daily attacks in the local news media. The mayor also succeeded in weakening his opposition at the LHA but again was wounded in the process by Kiley, who incessantly accused Buckley of vindictiveness.

Now Buckley is pushing a plan which would merge the LHA with the Lawrence Redevelopment Authority and the city planning department. This would give him direct control over the new agency spawned by the merger.

Buckley says his plan would make for added efficiency in municipal government and save the city money, an assertion which is supported by a group that recently completed a study of the city charter.

There is, however, suspicion among some people, the most vocal of whom is Kiley, that what Buckley likes best about the merger plan is that it would give him a chance to bounce Kiley and a few other enemies.

The most remarkable part is that it all might have started over a city job which Buckley nearly a decade ago refused to give to Kiley.

## Faking food for the folks

The following is extracted from the current issue of Harpers:

Among some dozen major firms in America's vast culinary-industrial complex, the rise of simulated meats is regarded as the biggest opportunity for the triumph of an ersatz product since margarine took over two-thirds of the nation's butter trays.

Already, by employing new and revived technologies for creating meat-like texture and tenderness in extracts of the celebrated soybean, the companies are bypassing slow-growing meat on the hoof.

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"engineered" simulations of ham, chicken, beef chunks, pork sausage, bacon bits, hamburger, and other products. The flavors are wholly man-made or are extracted from the real thing.

The present-day consumption of these products—which bear the unpalatable generic name of "textured vegetable protein"—is still relatively small.

But no longer are sales concentrated in health food stores, where the stuff attracted an initial following.

Hundreds of supermarkets throughout the country are now selling ground meat "extended" approximately 25 percent with textured vegetable protein. The extended product is supposed to be

clearly labeled as such, and that generally seems to be the case, but the opportunities for deception are obviously inviting.

Numerous regional hamburger chains now serve mass-produced "extended" hamburger patties, and all-vegetable simulations of breakfast sausage and patties are routinely available in supermarkets.

Finally, the institutional market—factory cafeterias, hospitals, schools, and so forth—is slowly yielding to the use of simulated ham and chicken chunks that defy detection. Figures are closely held by the manufacturers, but sales curves are reported to be sharply upward.

## The bell ringer

Would you like me to tell you how to cope with the liberated woman? Belt her! (We're testing reader response this week.)

I've just read an ad that says, "Our voice-responsive digital clock comes on beeping at the appointed time. Then, one word from you and it's silenced for two minutes before it beeps again." Sorry, but in my case, I need two words.

If you're as skilled as I am, converting part of the cellar into a game room is as easy as Abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz.

This year I'm going to watch you, and God help you if you read the signature at the bottom of the Christmas cards before you read the verse.

I'm not against car pools but I'll walk on my hands and knees before I subject myself to a carful of yak-yak at 7 in the morning.

Even so, there are plenty of good things about the gasoline shortage. Now I won't have to buy a camper. I hate camping. Three years in a row, I've been attacked by bears.

Why did that Lawrence Post Office clerk get so annoyed when I answered his question about insuring my package by telling him I didn't give a damn whether it got there or not?

I love the sound the seat belt makes when I forget to fasten it. Almost as much as I love the delightful screech the ignition makes if I open the door with the motor running. I call them fun-sounds.

I always think I'm doing good until I read The New Yorker ads. I don't have any of that stuff.

Everything's so materialistic these days. At the Public Gardens in Boston the ducks are chasing visitors without bread crumbs right out of the park.

If it's neither snow nor rain nor heat nor gloom of night that's holding up the mail, then just what in hell is the trouble?

You'd really love my boss. He insists Nixon ordered speed limits, cutbacks in fuel oil and gasoline usage—and no Christmas bonuses.

The Bell Ringer's Law states that anyone who says he won't resign five times, will.

If the newsprint shortage is so acute, how come the daily newspapers continue to print all those long, long stories about the newsprint shortage?

At least the gasoline shortage will prevent me from going to Disney World.

The shortage came along, by the way, just as I was about to market Flug, the gasoline with an additive that lets out a whimper when you're about to run out of gas. Spell Flug backwards and see how clever I am. I was going to call my product Noxxe, but I figured you'd catch on right away.

I always thought kitty litter was a bunch of small cats until it started arriving at my house in big bags.

President Nixon says time really flies when you're having fun.

Do you seriously believe those three guys in Skylab 3 are going to hook up with Comet Kohoutek? I think Houston's Space Center is out of its mind.

Speaking of CK (official abbreviation for Comet Kohoutek), if you come out of your house and find it's very bright and very hot out, and your neighbors are throwing themselves to the ground, crying out promises to lead better lives if spared, you'll know our meteorologists really screwed up.

If I can't have Tiny Tim back, how about Eddie Fisher?

The press release from Life Savers Co. says enough "Life Savers" have now been made to create a hole one-quarter inch wide and more than a million miles long. I am now ordering the person who wrote that release to crawl through that hole, backwards.

It seems to me if you don't care about slum children while you're worrying about bald eagles or whooping cranes, well, your priorities are all mixed up.

Let's get back to CK. The Center for Astrophysics in South Lawrence (So. Union St.) warns us the comet should be observed only through the bottom end of a beer glass, preferably empty, to avoid eye damage.

Everytime I think of probably having to live in a cave with a candle, because of the energy crisis, my head hurts.

The gasoline shortage could mean the return of the grocery boy who'll carry the stuff from market to your kitchen table. Which will deny millions of wives the sadistic pleasure of leaning on the horn to summon millions of husbands to get out there and carry in the bags—just as Notre Dame is about to score a touchdown on the tube.



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# Business beat

Kenics Corp., a Danvers-based manufacturing firm, has started an operation in the Osgood Mill property in North Andover. Officials of the firm say that 300 ultimately will be employed there.

Stores in Lawrence remain open nightly to 9:30 until Dec. 15. They remain open to 10 p.m. from Dec. 17 to Dec. 22.

Stores in Andover will remain open nightly to 9 o'clock beginning Dec. 10.

Edward J. King, executive director of Massport, will speak at the 38th annual dinner of the Greater Lawrence Chamber of Commerce's Lawrence Intown division. The dinner is Jan. 21.

The annual meeting of the Greater Lawrence Chamber of Commerce is Jan. 19 at the Red Tavern, Methuen.

Dave Scott, former disc jockey with Lawrence radio station WCCM, is now general manager of LLH property Management Inc. at 690 Haverhill St., Lawrence. Previously he was administrative assistant to Lawrence Alderman Robert Lippe. He is married to the former Debra Mates of Lawrence.

Kings Department Stores, which has a branch in Methuen, reported a third-quarter net for the period ended Oct. 27 of \$1.9 million or 23 cents a share versus \$2.3 million or 27 cents a share in the period last year. The chain is based in Newton.

William Banton, president of the Greater Lawrence Chamber of Commerce is dealing with 10 industrial prospects. Aiding him are other members of the Chamber's Industrial Development Task Force.

Frederick M. Ash of Andover has been named manager of the Bolta Products plant in Lawrence.

Kinney Shoes and Anderson-Little have opened stores in the Methuen Mall.

American Airlines has announced it is "furloughing" 214 of its 3700 pilots effective Jan. 2 because of flight cancelations caused by the energy crisis. Eastern Airlines is laying off 360 pilots.

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## People and places

Fritz Vogler, dogcatcher in Methuen, needs a truck in more ways than one. The way things stand now, he uses his own car to pick up stray dogs, which have clawed up the interior of his car. Worse than that is the problem of enticing larger dogs into his car. One such animal didn't like the idea, turned on Vogler, and chased him up the street, which may be amusing in hindsight but not when it's happening and that dog is on your heels. A truck for Vogler is in the town budget but one has not been bought yet.

Whenever friends of Robert Klie of Andover get together,

they recall the time Klie almost passed himself off as the one and only Colonel Sanders of fried chicken fame. Klie, who at a fast glance under appropriate circumstances could pass for the colonel, waltzed into one of the Sanders chicken places on Broadway and without saying a word had the awed attention of all employees there. Then, after he left, the staff decided the real colonel was a much more portly gentleman than Klie.

John J. Boyle, who teaches English at Andover High School and lives in Beverly, turned out a

loser in Beverly's municipal election recount last week. Boyle originally had beaten incumbent alderman-at-large Nicholas Tilas by 26 votes. In the recount, Tilas beat Boyle by the same number of votes—26. Boyle is a veteran member of the Beverly School Committee.

Abe Beshara, owner of Bishop's Restaurant, Lawrence, has been appointed to the advisory board of the Greater Lawrence Regional Vocational School Committee. Beshara has been active with the school's culinary arts program.

Lawrence High School band director Louis A. Bruso is working against a number of handicaps. The school's music program has received scant interest from official quarters and little financial support. All of which is discouraging at times for Bruso. The best marching high school band in the area is at Salem, N.H. The next best are at Methuen's Tenney High School and North Andover High. The Salem band is considered one of the best in New England.

Mrs. Margaret Fenton, English teacher at Andover High

School, has been called a "doll of a disciplinarian" by a number of her students. The reason for that is that she will tolerate no goofing-off, no two ways about it, "but at the same time she makes her courses so interesting, you don't want to goof off." Among the courses she teaches are Gothic lit, American lit, and Recent American Novels.

A waitress in a downtown Lawrence restaurant says she loves all her customers except those who leave cigarette butts floating in their coffee cups. "Ugh!" she says to that.

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A Lawrence man who lives on Boxford Street was ripping mad last week because the Gas Company, by mistake, shut off his gas 12 days after he paid a bill they were dunning him for.

Among the most active and popular club-women in this area is Mrs. Joseph Bonanno of the Greater Lawrence Italian Women's Club. According to those who know her well, she's the sort of person who makes things move.

Some people have been known to say that when they

meet the manager of the Lawrence Airport, Colonel Thomas Davies, they suppress an urge to salute him because his bearing is military and commanding. He is, incidentally, considered one of the best airport managers around.

Dean K. Webster was honored last week for his long service to Lawrence General Hospital. The occasion was his retirement as chairman of the hospital's trustees. For reasons no longer worth going into, his service to the hospital did not always receive the attention it should

have, but that never mattered to Webster. His motives were bigger than that, and his contributions to the hospital's development were invaluable.

Larry Giordano, head instructor of the Methuen Karate Assn., has come in for much praise with his karate demonstrations at local schools.

Christmas wouldn't be Christmas in Lawrence without Joe Binette's annual Yule feast for the city's elderly, needy, and shut-ins.

James Tamagnine has been re-elected president of the North Andover Municipal Credit Union.

Ms. Suzanne Piscitello of Lawrence has been elected president of the Merrimack Valley Housing Development Corp.

Scott Gerrish, formerly of Andover, is a selectman in Derry, N.H., and considered one of the ablest town fathers Derry has had in a long time.

Mrs. Janet Lake, Greenwood Road, Andover, is a favorite among the town's senior

citizens. Long before it became popular to do so, she worked long and hard with the elderly. Her reward, she has always felt, was from meeting and knowing so many interesting people with years of experience behind them.

Andover silversmith Michael Myers took up his trade three years ago when he found that he couldn't make a living as a poet. He says he found that in three months of selling his poetry on the street, he made an average of about \$2 a day. His new shop, Sundow Silver, looks to be more successful.

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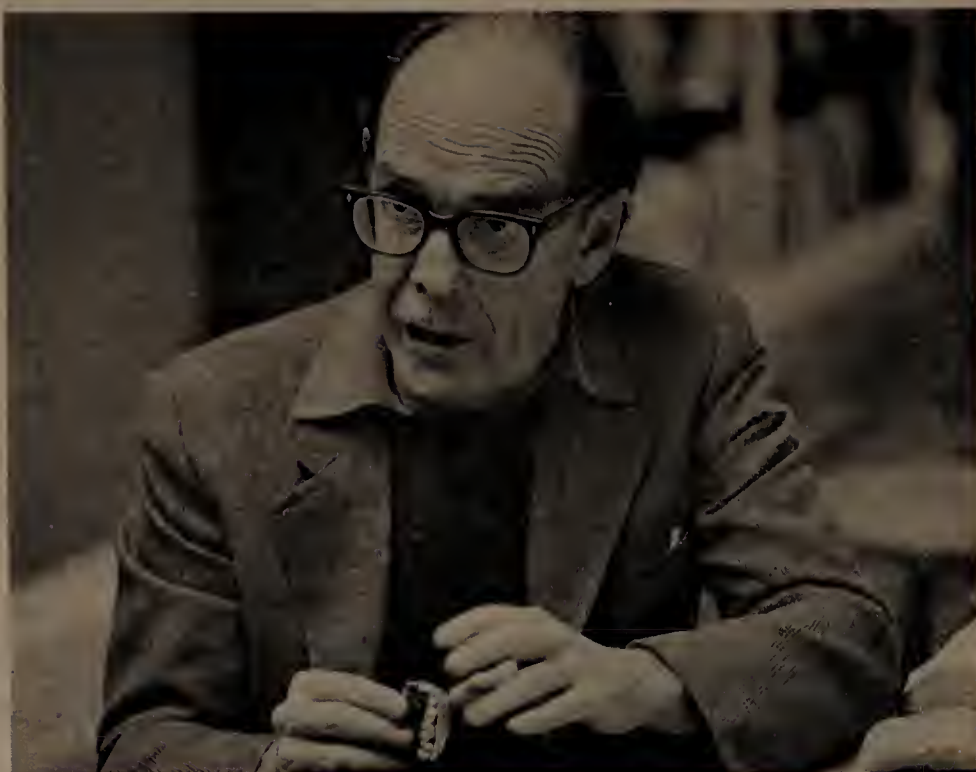
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## Archaeology

# His ideas made others mad as hell

By DEBORAH FITTS



DR. MACNEISH . . . nobody quite believed his dates. (DON SNYDER PHOTO)

Anyone for prehistory?

If you ever hoped secretly to tum up an arrowhead in your flower bed, or wondered what your predecessors were up to thousands of years ago, take a look at a new book called "Early Man in America" (pub. by W. H. Freeman & Co., paperback edition \$2.95).

It is edited, introduced, and partly written by Richard S. MacNeish of Andover, director of the R.S. Peabody Foundation at Phillips Academy, and a renowned archaeologist.

MacNeish calls the book "a popular reader" in New World archaeology. It is a collection of articles from Scientific American magazine, written by archaeologists who have been digging up bones and tools on the American continents. "It's a fascinating detective story about finding out who the first Americans were, how long ago they got here, and where they came from," says MacNeish.

It also gives an overall view of archaeological methods and theories, some of which are undergoing violent changes these days, MacNeish says.

For instance, he says, only a few years ago everyone believed that man had arrived in America 10 or 12 thousand years ago, at the earliest. But MacNeish says that he has found proof that man was here earlier—maybe much earlier—than that. His theories were at first greeted with disbelief, he says. "It made my colleagues mad as hell. It was really throwing down the gauntlet. Here I was the

conservative member of the group, coming out to the left of the radicals."

The disagreement carried over to this book.

"I wrote the introduction and I disagreed with all the authors in the book except one," says MacNeish, "and that's me."

He was convinced of the earlier dates by evidence from his own excavations. He relates one of his important discoveries, made in a cave in Peru:

"It was at the very end, the last week, of our first season there, in '69. In the back of the cave where we were digging there were about two tons of rocks on the floor. I said go ahead and chop a hole through the rocks and go to the bottom. After a while, one of the workmen said, 'I've got a cow bone.' And what he had was the leg bone of a little giant sloth, about sixteen feet tall. And all around, there were tools."

Carbon-14 dating on the bone put the sloth, and the men who may have done him in, back over 14,000 years ago. A date like that for South America was pretty much unheard of back in '69, says MacNeish, and even today, he says, there are some conservative archaeologists who aren't easily convinced.

But MacNeish's credentials are hard to fault. He calculates that he has spent more time in field work than anyone else in New World archaeology. "I've spent 740 weeks, that's 13 years, in the bush somewhere or other, digging holes in the ground. I've worked nearly every state and province from the Arctic Ocean to the middle of South America.

I've written 160 books and articles, some of them big and dull; and I'm working on three books at the moment, one of them bigger and duller than usual."

He will soon be on his way to Canada to give a lecture series at a college in Ontario. Next summer he will be back in Peru.

Meanwhile, his controversial theories on dating mean that New World archaeology has a long way to go. He suggests in this book that man could have been living in North America as long ago as 40,000 to 100,000 years. "There are any number of great finds yet to be made," he says. "And they may happen in your back yard."

He now has the satisfaction of hearing from people who at one time or another years ago thought they had turned up evidence showing that man was in America earlier than the accepted 10-12 thousand years ago. At that time, MacNeish says, these people were scoffed at, and their findings often discounted and thrown out.

As an example he refers to a letter from the son of archaeologist Hiram Bingham, who in 1911 found a skeleton that he calculated was 75,000 years old. No one believed it then, and the skeleton was tucked away somewhere in the Peabody Museum at Yale.

Now the son is hoping that his father will be vindicated. "It's probable that the skeleton is not less than 50,000 years old," says MacNeish. "Nobody's looked at the goddamn thing in years. Next time I go down to Yale I'm going to dig him up. — Again."

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SALEM N.H.

# Two men flee 'stacked deck'

By DAN FITTS

The resignations of Wallace Stickney and John Sununu from the Sewer and Water Study Committee have left selectmen with a credibility gap.

The two men, the only professional engineers on the town's study group, quit mainly to protest what they say was intolerable tampering by selectmen with the committee's makeup. They say that, thanks to this tampering, the committee is now in the hands of the contractors, or at least seems that way.

In a town where contractors are rumored to be particularly powerful, selectmen will have their work cut out for them to convince residents that all is above board.

Recommendations of the Sewer and Water Study Committee can have quite an impact on contractors, as was shown last summer. The committee, then chaired by Sununu, said the town's sewer system couldn't handle any more subdivisions. The planning board voted a moratorium on new developments and later rejected two relatively small subdivision applications, one from Frank Wilson, the other from Rep. Lawrence Belair. Wilson is now suing the planning board. Belair was due to receive a detailed planning board report on his applications this week.

**TWO WEEKS AGO** Sununu gave selectmen a list of seven names he said he wanted on the committee for next year. The list included the four original members (Sununu, Stickney, Selectman Chairman Bert Ford, and Frank DeCesare) as well as Wilson, Surveyor Tom Stevens, and Selectman Richard Lockhart. Selectman George Khoury moved to approve Sununu's recommendations but nobody seconded his motion. (Ford told the Journal he would have seconded it himself if he hadn't been chairman.) The other selectmen told Sununu they wanted to review the seven names and three others who had asked to serve on the committee but Sununu had not chosen.

The three Sununu had not selected were Belair, Charles Coll, and Board of Adjustment Chairman Charles T. McMahon.

A week ago Monday, when it seemed that



JOHN SUNUNU



WALLACE STICKNEY

selectmen intended to name to the committee all 10 people (except Lockhart, who withdrew from consideration), Stickney quit, citing personal reasons. And this week Sununu also quit, saying that what happened at the new committee's first session last week, when Wilson was elected chairman over Sununu by a 5-3 vote, was evidence the committee was "stacked" in the contractors' favor. (The vote was by secret ballot, but is believed to have gone this way: Belair, Stevens, McMahon, Coll and Wilson for Wilson; Ford, DeCesare and Sununu for Sununu.)

"It looks like the foxes are in the chicken coop," Stickney told the Journal. Sununu told selectmen this week he'd nominated Wilson to the committee to make sure the contractors' view was fairly represented. By adding others to the committee, selectmen had created a contractor "bias," he said.

**STICKNEY SAID** he didn't think the contractors' element on the study committee could do that much harm, since most recommendations about sewer tie-ins have already been made. But, he said, by being on the committee contractors would be privy to intimate details about the town's long range development, details that could help them in their business.

Sununu said the new committee, weighted in the contractors' favor, would be ineffectual, since it couldn't win the public's confidence in its recommendations.

Why did selectmen reject Sununu's original list? Stickney said he thinks selectmen didn't reason the thing through, but just decided to be good guys

and appoint to the study group all who wanted to be on it. "I just don't think there's been any skulduggery or collusion," he said.

Sununu said he thinks the friendship of Belair with some of the selectmen had something to do with it, a view that is shared by Chairman Ford. Ford said it is well known that Belair is "close" to Selectmen Michael Camey and Richard Lockhart.

Camey and Lockhart deny that this friendship influenced their votes. Lockhart said he wanted McMahon on the committee because, as chairman of the board of adjustment, he ought to know about sewer and water lines; and Belair because he is a state representative and could exchange particularly useful information.

**CARNEY SAID** he disagreed with Sununu about what would constitute a workable number of committee members. He said those who say the committee is stacked are looking to the past, when the sewer study was in progress. Now it is finished, contractors couldn't get any unique advantage from serving on the committee, he said. "A year ago, yes, it would have been a stacked committee," he said.

Selectmen are now faced with seeing that the public doesn't develop a low opinion of the study committee and the board that appointed it. A good report would help, and Sununu promised selectmen he would assist Wilson wherever necessary and speak out if he thought the report slanted or inadequate.

Selectmen now must appoint a replacement for Sununu. Wilson, whom Sununu calls "an honorable man," urged that this be a member of the planning board. Whoever it is, the appointment is sure to attract attention.

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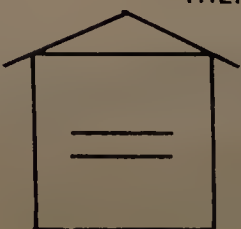
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So writes 30-year-old Gary Burton in the liner notes of an early recording of his, "Throb" (Atlantic SD 1531). Last Friday at the Boston Center for the Arts (the National Theatre) Gary led a quartet through nine numbers, including two encores. The great basist and long-time friend of Burton's, Steve Swallow, was there, as were Mick Goodrick on electric guitar and drummer Ted Seibs.

Mick Goodrick stands quietly in front of his amplifier, eyes closed, fingering his guitar thoughtfully, lending lyrical support to the quartet, and taking waterfall-like solos, notes dancing out of his instrument.

Ted Seibs, a Boston musician who's been playing with the Tod Anderson Smalltet, is a promising percussionist, never getting in the way of the quartet, always offering gentle persuasion with his sticks.

Steve Swallow, a remarkable bassist who has played with such musicians as Paul Bley and Jimmy Giuffre, performed admirably throughout the night, although his sound was at times a bit murky or unintelligible.

Gary Burton is perhaps the greatest living vibraharpist playing classically-oriented jazz, i.e., jazz with form and meter. His credits are endless; he has recorded with Keith Jarrett, french violinist Stephane Grappelli, Carla Bley, and recently a duo release with Chick Corea.

The quartet opened up with a Chick Corea tune, "Sea Journey", followed by an obscure Carla Bley composition, "Ojos de Gato." The next three compositions were written by Michael Gibbs: "Four or Less," "Three," and "Turn of the Century."

Another Corea number, "Desert Air," was given solo treatment by Burton, mallets flying and skipping, filling



ROBERT BATTLES

Loew's National Theatre with celestial music as Burton caressed his vibes into singing in a beautiful and personal way. The last number of the set was something written by pianist

Keith Jarrett, "Grow Your Own," and when it was clear that the audience wasn't sitting down until they heard some more, the quartet came out and performed another Gibbs tune, "Nonsense." Again the quartet received a standing ovation, and obligingly they returned to perform a Steve Swallow composition, "Falling Grace".

While the acoustics in the National Theatre were not the best for a small, somewhat under-amplified jazz quartet, Gary Burton put on quite a concert, as is usual for him. "The New Quartet," his most current release on ECM records, is certainly worth getting hold of. Gary Burton is a genius and a leader in modern jazz. That's all there is to it.

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# Basketball preview

By AL ZAPPALA

Andover High's Golden Warriors, minus outstanding individual hoopsters, will try to maintain their status as a state basketball power with a balanced attack while Central Catholic High will rely on a deliberate offense and an aggressive defense in an attempt to improve on last season's showing.

Andover

"We don't have that great ball player this year that we've had in the past five years, but what we do have is a group of talented boys who can all play the game well," says Andover Coach Will Hixon.

Hixon says this year's offering of the Golden Warriors will be radically different from teams of previous years.

"From last year's team that went to the second round of the Tech Tournament, we lost four of five starters. Included in this group, of course, is Scott White, 6-7, and Camell Cooper, 6-3, two boys that led us to an undefeated season in the Merrimack Valley Conference last year," says the coach.

To compound the problem, Andover's practice schedule has been set back because of the school's appearance in the Division II Super Bowl.

Says Hixon: "A lot of the kids that we're depending on haven't even practiced with the team yet because of football. It takes about three weeks for a football player to readjust himself to basketball both mentally and physically, so we're really behind the other schools."

But Hixon, in his fifteenth season at the helm in Andover, isn't crying the blues yet.



COUNTED UPON for that "extra push" at Central Catholic this season are basketball co-captains Kevin Gearin, left, and Mike Solomon. (DANA CAHOON PHOTO)

"Micky Noel is our only returning starter from last year, but we have a fine group of j.v.'s coming up as well as three boys who earned letters last year," says Hixon.

Height and backboard dominance won't be Andover's trademark this year as in previous years.

"We'll probably be the smallest team in the league this year, so we're going to do different things," says Hixon.

For starters Hixon won't depend on only five or six men to do the bulk of the offensive and defensive work, but will depend on a small army of players.

"We'll be pressing on defense a lot as well as fast breaking as often as possible so I'm planning on platooning nine and ten players," he says.

Besides Noel, Hixon is

counting on a number of people to help the club.

George Stedman, 5-10, Greg Brown 6-1, and Mike Coates 5-10 are the three returning vets expected to see action.

In addition to them, Steve Hellman, a 6-2 center Mark Sweetser, a 5-10 guard; John MacDonald, a 5-10 forward; Jeff Winters, a 5-11 forward; and Dave Gabel, a 5-10 guard figure prominently in Hixon's plans.

How about the schedule?

"Chelmsford, without a doubt, is the team to beat this year. They're big, fast and tough. Besides that, we're facing a strong Lowell team early in the season that I hope we can be ready for. Methuen took its lumps last year but watch out for them this year," Hixon says.

Hixon feels there will be a scramble for the league's top spot, and that Andover will be in the heat of the scrap.

Central Catholic

"We'll win more than we lose."

That is the prediction of Central Catholic Coach George Gregoire, whose team is coming off a 10-11 mark.

"We're losing our top scorer from last season, Kevin Bartlett, along with Wayne Walworth and Mike Maloy. Those boys represented our offense and defensive scoring and rebounding ability," says Gregoire.

Unlike other area teams, Gregoire's top five is already set, with sixth, seventh, and eighth slots still up for grabs.

"We're depending on co-captains Kevin Gearin, 6-1, and Mike Solomon, 6-1, to give

us that extra push that's a trademark of a good team. Mike was our leading rebounder last year, and he's got a pretty good shot to boot. Gearin got the outside shot, but he was hurt most of last season, so a lot depends on how he comes around," says the coach.

The all-important position of pivot-man rests on Tommy Driscoll, a 6-3 leaper with good speed.

"Tommy's a forward who, by necessity, has got to play center. He's more than adequate for the job."

Rounding out the top five are Bobby Houston, a 6 foot forward, and Mike Brown, a 6-1 guard.

"I'm cautiously optimistic about this team. We respect everybody, but we're not afraid of anyone," says Gregoire.

How about the offense?

"It's a little early to tell. I'm still assessing the personnel. We like to run, but when necessary, we'll set things up. Our problem will be a lack of height, so that the one shot the basket must count."

"We'll use several different types of defenses, man to man, zone press, straight zone, whatever the situation warrants, we'll use," says Gregoire.

How about the schedule?

"We'll take no one for granted. We'll play them one at a time, and hope for the best. Andover, Tewksbury and Methuen will give us trouble. And of course, there's Lawrence, with (Dan) Cargill, that's going to be a problem. But I feel we have the personnel to win the Merrimack Valley Conference, and that's how we're going to view this season—that we are capable of going all the way."

AUDIO SPORTS by Roy Reiss

## A grab-bag of things to think about

A change of pace this week with some thoughts picked up along the sports beat.

Wasn't it nice to see a Greater Lawrence football team make the big time. We couldn't have had a better representative than the Andover Golden Warriors.

If you owned a professional sports team which one man would you choose to be general manager? My vote goes to Arnold Red Auerbach of the Boston Celtics. Can you imagine the old redhead in the N.F.L.?

Still thinking about Gerry Callagy and the job he did at Lawrence High. Too bad he wasn't appreciated at the time, but absence makes the heart grow fonder. Wonder if he'd ever consider coming back?

For a look alike contest, I'd put Bob Rosmarino against Tony Lupo who used to work for WCCM. Lupo is now in Washington working with a cable television outfit.

THE PATRIOTS have reached the first level in Chuck Fairbanks rebuilding process. At last they're respectable, but wait until you hear all the talk next year of a possible playoff berth. It's still premature.

The most quoted athletes on the Boston sports scene? How about Paul Silas of the Celtics, Phil Esposito of the Bruins, Reggie Rucker of the Patriots and Carlton Fisk of the Red Sox.

Almost forgot the Whalers, but that isn't unusual for the scribes. I'll add Teddy Green to the above list.

Somehow I get the impression that Vince Keough would like another crack at the Lawrence football job. That's the same job he would have left earlier this year had the Burlington position gone his way. There's just something about Lawrence that people can't break away from.

IF EVERYONE had the enthusiasm for their sport that Don Smith has for bowling, the entire sports world would be more fun.

Too bad that Russ Conway of the E-T isn't writing hockey for a Boston paper. He certainly knows the sport, but I wonder how much it's appreciated in this area.

Thom Lawlor isn't the most talkative coach I know but once you get to know the Merrimack hockey mentor, he's a pleasure to deal with.

Besides Lawlor has quite a hockey team this year, a team which could easily be seeded number one in Division Two. It's also young enough to repeat in years to come.

Wonder if Rosie's blast at the officiating in the Merrimack Valley Conference resulted from frustration?

WITH ANDOVER'S participation in the Super Bowl, Will Hixon and Billy Vickers had to wait one week before



ROY REISS

they could start thinking seriously about basketball.

If Chuck Berube of Lawrence played for a Class A school closer to the Boston area, he'd be a surefire All-Scholastic. Won't forget his performance as a running back in the last 3 games for a long time.

Speaking of memories, wonder what happened to Randy Hart, the former quarterback for the Lancers? It used to be Dandy Randy, white shoes and all.

Was that really flag football the recreation department in Lawrence sponsored or was it suicide on the football field?

If Dick Reming played as hard when he was a kid as he does now, he must have been some high school competitor. Even with some of his antics,

I'd take him on my team before you can say Jack Robinson.

MACK HERRON and Rick Cecil of the Reggie's are similar in their running style.

North Andover should be the best of the local high school basketball teams: So what else is new with Bob Licare? He does it year after year.

I've tried but Rick Wise still reminds me of Ray Culp and Marty Pattin. If the Sox couldn't win a penant with either of those two, why should Wise be any different?

For some reason I have an impression that the Miami Dolphins are better than Lombardi's Green Bay Packers. Now watch them lose in the opening round of the playoffs.

If the Dolphins meet the Rams in the Super Bowl, it would be Shula against Rosenbloom, which would cause more bitter feelings between the two.

NOTHING WOULD be nicer than to see George Gregoire revive the Central basketball picture.

Too bad that John Kelleher may have his best Lawrence basketball team when the rest of the Essex County League is experiencing one of those rare "up" seasons. Lawrence will do well to finish near the 500 mark.

It's usually the Super Bowl and the college draft which create the most excitement in the N.F.L., but next year it may be the day that Ed Garvey, the executive director of the Players Association, signs a new contract with the 26 team owners.

Lights should be going up at Mark Devlin Field, but I wonder when they'll use them with the energy crisis upon us.

Won't it be nice to watch a hockey game in a brand new rink presently being constructed along with the new Methuen High School.

Come to think of it, when will Lawrence join other communities and construct a school with decent facilities?

DICK SWIFT has to be the most underrated athletic official in Greater Lawrence. Swift is at the head of the smooth functioning Andover High athletic program.

Wonder how Joe Carven would like the Lawrence football job? Then and only then would he understand the Lawrence situation.

Bob Fitzgerald is the most successful Lawrence coach with his wrestling program, but he too can't beat Lowell. Wonder why?

My overall 6-year-record broadcasting Lawrence football is now 12-39-2. Don't fire the coach, fire the broadcaster!



# Letters

## On doing-nothing

To the Journal:

When people are requested to write to their Congressmen or Senators regarding complaints, it is practically a complete waste of time.

I have written to them on numerous occasions, and the replies that were received were useless. They seem to use form type letters that do not even come close to answering your questions. In fact, I doubt if they even see your letters.

Too much is left up to their aides and secretaries. Under these circumstances, how can it be possible for them to fully understand your problem, let alone doing something about it. We elect these officials to represent us and it is their duty to perform a full and complete investigation. They should not worry about stepping on somebody's toes or rocking the boat. They should give the people much better service based on their excellent salaries and other allowances.

Their actions have been far too slow concerning price control, shortages of gasoline, food and fuel oil which are the necessities.

Some of these shortages have been known and discussed several years ago, but as usual nothing is done until it is too late. To allow prices to sky-rocket the way that they are, is a disgrace to the working man. I contend that this Administration, by its inept attitude has given a license to all businessmen to keep on raising prices just about every week. Just because so-called shortages occur should not be reason to increase prices.

Another disgrace to our country is this Watergate episode and the firing of a courageous Mr. Cox and the unending deficiencies in the tapes. Here again, our Congress is doing too little and are acting far too slowly.

They should insist that impeachment proceedings be started immediately. It appears that the President, by being allowed time, is hoping that things will pass in his favor. Now is the time for all of us to demand what's right and best for our country. We deserve the calibre of leadership that prevailed in the good old days. I cannot comprehend the way our Congress approves of the President's choices of vacancies, namely the vice-president, the special prosecutor and others in high public office.

Haven't they approved enough of his choices that proved to be very erroneous? The time has come when our politicians should take stock that they better wake up real soon; if they refuse, then an

entirely new body of Congress should be in order, come next election. We deserve a dedicated, honest and sincere form of government. Those who are there solely for their own betterment and connections should be removed. Just because a man holds a high position does not entitle him to do what is wrong. His power of office should be used in a righteous manner. There appears to be far too many men in high positions who never should be there. Let it be known that we will not tolerate these existing dealings of our government under any conditions.

Sincerely yours,  
Albert Krafton  
113 Brookdale St.  
Salem, N.H. 03079

## That elevated platform

To the Journal:

How about telling it like it is?

That elevated platform came with the building—as did the shape of the room. (Nothing like freezing your building to one concept of government.) And does your reporter suffer from tunnel vision—or is he just an ordinary male chauvinist? There is a fourth person up there with a job established by the Charter.

The real issue is not the Quantity of Councilors. Most citizens who view the disarray of Council meetings had hoped to see the discipline and dedication exemplified by the 18-member Advisory Committee under Sam Reitano.

Objective reporting would demand a comparison of this legislative body with its immediate predecessor. Of course this would necessitate

some homework regarding the Methuen Town Meeting—so it is probably a lot easier to compare it with obscure South American governmental forms never observed and in general disrepute.

Superficial opinions will never replace in-depth reporting—nor will they insure the future of a newspaper.

Very truly yours,  
Carolyn M. Gettings

Editor's note: Mrs. Gettings is referring to a Nov. 23 Journal article by Jack Wark in which Wark tongue in cheek noted certain similarities between the Methuen Town Council and a South American junta. Among his observations was that the Methuen government leaders sit in an elevated section of the municipal meeting room, with other government officials seated beneath them.

## On abortion

To the Journal:

Does the Journal have to resort to advertising the killing of human life? Shame.

A little reading should be mandatory to anyone who is going to write articles regarding abortion, or advertise it.

I would suggest to begin with "Abortion and Social Justice" edited by T. W. Hilgers and Dennis J. Horan. In that book under the chapter "Abortion and the Supreme Court," it states: "Individual human life begins at conception and is a progressive, ongoing continuum until natural death. This is a fact

so well established that no intellectually honest physician in full command of modern medical knowledge would dare to deny it. There is no authority in medicine or biology who can be cited to refute this concept."

Please think again about advertising abortion clinics and ask yourself what it really is, and where we are heading if this continues.

Mahatma Gandhi wrote: "It seems to me as clear as daylight that abortion would be a crime."

I wholeheartedly agree.

Mrs. Patricia J. Deschamps  
31 Beaconsfield St.  
Lawrence

## All-out war

To the Journal:

Bill Baird does not war against the Catholic religion. He wars against all religions. For all religions have grown from ideals, from man's desire to escape and grow up from his animal nature.

All religions from ancient civilizations of China and India to the latest development of Christianity have in their total essence the concept of the Golden Rule: "Do Unto Others." Earlier religions offered human sacrifices. Bill Baird's crusade does the same.

Elaine Conway  
Lawrence

## Monopolies

To the Journal:

The problem of the energy crisis can simply be stated by the fact that not enough free enterprise exists in the fuel industry, which enables monopolists to dictate supply and demand to the American consumer.

Monopolies cannot exist except through government or by government approval.

Russell L. Payne  
Lawrence

## 'No apology needed'

To the Journal:

In the letter written by Mr. McEvoy in the Nov. 23rd Journal he stated, "Mrs. Legris had no right to demean the work that hospital employees do." This is fine—only she did not do this.

In her article in the Nov. 15th issue Mrs. Legris stated, "If Mr. O'Connor thinks he is such a good teacher and judge, why isn't he teaching in one of the towns he mentioned instead of working in one of the local hospitals?"

This is not demeaning

hospital employees, but rather commenting on the remarks made by Mr. O'Connor concerning his judging of students and teachers at L.H.S. Mr. O'Connor is just commenting on the MINORITY of bad students and forgetting the MAJORITY of good students.

If there is an apology in order, I feel it should be made by Mr. McEvoy to Mrs. Legris.

I agree with Mrs. Legris: Do not judge lest ye be judged.

Mike Giarrusso

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## More letters

### ... conserve, preserve

To the Journal:

As a citizen of Andover, I was appalled to read in your paper of the allegedly cool reception shown Mrs. Maria Eigerman (representative in charge of the Army Corps of Engineers wastewater management study of the Merrimack River) by members of the Andover Industrial Commission and our elected officials (the board of selectmen).

The law governing water pollution may be inconceivable at this point in time — but we owe ourselves the intelligence to try. Our goals now must be to conserve, preserve, and make better; even if our efforts result in a 75 to 85 percent cleanup of the waterways by 1985, it will be progress in the right direction.

Selectmen, in not spelling out facts, "disturbed" me. Why

the objection to citizen participation? Have these officials forgotten that they are elected, and elected to be the voice of the people, and to carry out to the best of their ability what the majority of the people want?

In your article, Mrs. Eigerman came across as being honest in admitting the new law was a bit heavy. As far as cost analysis, January is only a few days away, and she came to discuss Andover's plans.

One surprising fact: during the late 1950s and well into the 1960s, this country had a problem — what to do with our surplus oil? Can anyone now guarantee we will never have a water crisis?

Are the citizens once again going to have to rely on another private group to get things moving? I am of course referring to the marvelous

people who took matters into their own hands, who painstakingly planned and started our now initiated trash removal and recycling program. And it really works!

I for one am willing to realize my responsibility — but I want to start now, not 1984.

Thank you all for this great newspaper.

Jo-Anne E. Dileo  
Andover

Editor's Note: Last week Andover selectmen said they would not participate in an Army Corps of Engineer wastewater study of the Merrimack. They said the study was too broad and might not give enough weight to the opinions of elected officials. They also objected to the costs of implementing the 1972 federal water pollution control law.)

## No juntas, just rights

To the Journal:

I feel that in my letter of Nov. 22, 1973 in the Journal could use a little explaining. If possible I would like to try and clear any doubts the people of Lawrence might have on citizens groups that I am trying to form.

I have no personal vendetta that I wish to accomplish through any group. I have no personal feelings against the city counsel except that I feel it is operating on about 50% of its capabilities. I do not have any plans for junta or cabal tactics as one man who wrote me was wondering. The above tactics mean secret organizations and secret plans. My only wish is for a united city, a better school system if possible for my children, and a government by the people, for the people.

People have the right of redress of government and the right to speak their mind. I would like all people to respond to the issues of the old

library, parking meters, housing in the city, the high school, the dump, and anything else they feel is important. This could be done by organized people and with the help and understanding of our elected officials. We have only to try. We have U.S. senators, congressmen, state senators, state representatives and city counsels.

With all this talent it would seem problems could be solved without studying them to death. Lawrence is a good city, but there is room for improvement. Again I will say I am striving for a more respondent people and government. I realize many people feel it is all a waste of time. You can't fight city hall and win is a popular phrase. Many times I wonder if this is not true. If we try to show an interest in where we live, there might be surprising results. This has to be done in an open and honest manner.

Philip L. Jewett

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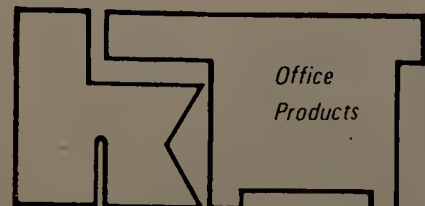
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## YULE PARTY

The Sunset Club will hold a Christmas party Sunday at 2 p.m. at the Senior Citizen's Center on Haverhill Street, Lawrence.

## MEETING

The Merrimack Valley Package Store Assn. will meet Dec. 16 (Sunday), 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Knights of Columbus hall in Methuen. Association president John Kostandin of Freddie's Package and Variety Store will preside.

## SUPPER

A ham and bean supper sponsored by the Methuen VFW post 8349 ladies' auxiliary will be held Saturday from 4 to 7 p.m. Proceeds will go towards a children's Christmas party.

## AA

Alcoholics Anonymous will meet tonight at 6 at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Methuen.

## FAIR

The annual Mission Club Christmas fair of St. Theresa's Church, Methuen, will be held in the parish hall tomorrow from 1

to 8 p.m., Saturday from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., and Sunday from 10 a.m. to noon.

## PARTY

The Ways and Means Committee of the Greater Lawrence Chapter of the Home for Little Wanderers will hold a holiday party at the Andover Country Club Sunday from 5 to 7 p.m. Reservations may be made with Mrs. Philip A. Vigeant of Andover or Mrs. George L. Cady of Andover.

## EXHIBIT

The Pennisi Art Studio pupils are presenting an art exhibit at

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## BRUNCH

Andover League of Women Voters will hold a national program planning brunch Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. at 13 Lockway Road.

## PARTY

The Andover Knights of Columbus will hold a Christmas party for elderly Andover residents Sunday at noon at Briarcliff.

## BRITISH CLUB

The Lawrence British Club

auxiliary will install officers Sunday and hold a party Wednesday.

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The Open Door Society will hold its annual Christmas Party Sunday at 2 p.m. at St. Augustine's Episcopal Church, 297 South Union St., Lawrence. Santa will be there, along with some new puppets.


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## TV talk/Jenkins

Ernie Boch thinks everybody knows him.

How come I feel like a lecher when I watch Maggie Lettvin? I think she does it on purpose.

Anytime there's an old movie with Lilli Palmer in it, I watch it. So does my father.

Ronald Reagan, visiting Australia, was called "a second-rate cowboy film actor and a third-rate regional politician." Many in this country would rate him lower.

"To Tell The Truth," I never watch it.

You have to admit that when Sammy Davis sings, the hairs stand out on the back of your neck. Unless you're a man with a 1950 haircut that leaves your neck naked.

A note from Pamela J. Cummings of Dracut Street, Lawrence: "The Bell Ringer is better than TV talk/Jenkins, and I don't read the Bell Ringer." Pamela, God will get you for that.

US Rep. Paul W. Cronin was on the Tom Larson show last Thursday. I missed it.

Carol Burnett lets loose with a lot of toilet talk, and people think she's a riot.

"Gunfight at OK Corral" — I've watched it seven times, and I'll watch it again Dec. 20 (Thursday) at 9 p.m., Channel 7. Kirk Douglas plays the dentist with the cough, and Burt Lancaster is Wyatt Earp. In fantasy I'm Douglas, a dying romantic, fast on the draw with a Mexican girl friend.

Someday I'm going to force myself to watch "Beat the Clock."

I got my first hate-letter last week from a demented person whose penmanship is a case-history in itself. Real wild. I've sent the letter to the FBI — to Ephraim Zimbalist Jr. himself.

I liked Dennis Weaver when he was Chester Good and limped a lot. Now he's too big for his boots.

I've never seen anyone so pleased with himself as William Buckley. By the same token, I think he's like Don Rickles—on the edge.

The best dramatic entertainment today is on Channel 2: Masterpiece Theatre, Sundays at 9 p.m. The only thing against it is that it is made possible from a grant from Mobil Oil Corp.

So far as I know, "Deep Throat" will not be shown on television.

The nicest thing about Channel 2 is that you can get a college education from it. Free.

Philip L. Jewett of Lawrence wrote to the Journal and said: "Put Jenkins the TV man in one place. He might develop a complex and think he is a rubber ball." I never would have seen that note had I not been looking for cigarettes in the desk of one of the editors.

This is the absolute truth: The picture on my TV set flutters if I slouch on the couch. If I lean to the left, the picture wobbles on the right. If I stand up fast, the picture fades, waits for me to walk, and brightens with my first step. It's a vintage set with floppy rabbit ears.

Energy-eating items are being pushed hard in TV Christmas commercials: microwave ovens, hair-curler kits, hot plates, electric blankets, humidifiers. No wonder. Manufacturers must be scared to death they're going to get stuck with all that stuff that requires juice. And there's just not enough juice to go around anymore.

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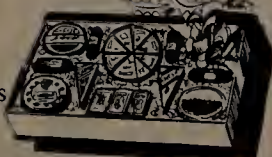
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## The Senator was a little muddled



SEN. WALL

Senator William X. Wall of Lawrence does not make any secret of enjoying speech-making in the Senate — even, apparently, when he does not quite know what he is talking about.

During a recent state legislative session, the Senator took a lot of time to expound on why turn-key housing is bad.

As an example, Wall cited a Brighton building that "tumbled and crumbled to the ground. Like a cookie."

The senator also spoke about the Canadian company which hired scab labor to build a turn-key building which fell down and killed four workers.

The example would have been a good one except that the building was not built or repaired under turn-key.

Another fact the senator apparently overlooked was that the anti-turn-key amendment he was speaking for had already won Senate approval.

As Wall continued on about the evils of turn-key housing, Assistant State

Majority Leader Mary L. Fonseca, D-Fall River, rushed to sit next to Wall so she could clue him in.

Wall paid no heed and Senator Fonseca could only stare into space in disbelief as her colleague sputtered on.

Wall finally heeded the tugs at his sleeve and at last realized he sounded as if he wanted to kill a bill already amended to his satisfaction. The Senator finally sat down.

Senator Wall's performance was only one of a few that day that caused Senate President Kevin B. Harrington to mumble, according to a UPI reporter, that his job was like "running a kindergarten and three-ring circus at the same time."

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## Night life

BY NEIL SCHNEIDER

You might have seen Dario when, in years gone by, he appeared at local clubs. The memorable thing about him was that he ate fire and rode motorcycles around the inside of night clubs.

Now appearing at DK's Lounge in Methuen, Dario has given up the fire-eating, motorcycle-riding bit. He is into a new thing. It's called quality.

Dario has replaced the fire and the motorcycle with one of the top bands around and has been playing to SRO crowds from coast to coast.

At the Clover Club in Lawrence is "Jack," a foot-stomping, reeling and rocking group from New Hampshire. It's a dynamite group.

Meanwhile, Kings Row III goes mellow this week with "The Happenings," a nationally popular group whose biggest hit was "See You In September."

The 400 Lounge in Methuen continues its policy of two bands a night, both of them polished and exciting.

Jumping around, the Barn Door in North Andover was packed for its most recent Sunday afternoon jam session, and the expectation is that it will be that way this coming Sunday.

Cuzzins IV in Lawrence is bringing to its stage the truly fine sounds of "Image," while "Peanuts and Co." is appearing at Limannis in Methuen.

At the Wonder Bar in Lawrence is the Val Perry Trio, which offers an adult musical sound, and at PJ's in North Andover is "The Barretts," a group with a soothing sound.

The Scarlet Pub in Lawrence is featuring Andy Phillips, a comedian; Sammy Lyman, a magician; and Regina Ray, a singer.

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That mysterious comet

A piece of debris from the earliest beginnings

By DEBORAH FITTS

If the sight in the coming weeks of the brightening Comet Kohoutek causes you to wonder about what's going on out in space, you will not be alone. Eugene Avrett of North Andover is in the business of wondering about the universe—and figuring it out.

He is a researcher at the Smithsonian Institution's Center for Astrophysics in Cambridge, and he is on the faculty of the Department of Astronomy at Harvard. For him, Kohoutek, "possibly the brightest comet in our lifetime," has a story to tell.

It will give us a look billions of years backward in time, Avrett says. He describes the comet as a "piece of debris" left over from the earliest beginnings of the solar system, a spinoff from the huge cloud of gas and dust that evolved into our sun and its planets. While the surfaces of the earth and the moon have been changing constantly with time, obliterating signs of the distant past, comets remain substantially the same as they were at their birth, Avrett says.

Kohoutek is on its way to touch home base, the center of our solar system. At the end of this month it will rush around the sun and go out into space again, on an orbital journey that will bring it back in something less than a million years.

Space scientists have been getting ready for an intensive study of Kohoutek as it passes by, Avrett says. It seems that comets are something of a mystery. "Nobody knows very much yet about the composition of comets," he says. "No one really knows how big the nucleus is or what it's made of. It is only a theory that comets are gas and dust remnants of the beginning of the solar system, about ten billion years ago. Nobody knows everything yet, but it will be learned."

That leaves plenty of things still only partly understood. One of those things is what happens to stars. They have a birth, a life, and a death, says Avrett.

Stars like our sun, which Avrett calls a "lightweight" star, end their lives by blowing up. The death of the sun is calculated to be about 4 or 5 billion years away. He describes



EUGENE AVRETT ponders the comet and other things, including white dwarves, black holes, and extraterrestrials. (DON SNYDER PHOTO)

the inside of the sun as a continuing H-bomb, collapsing as it bums, becoming hotter and hotter as new material ignites at higher and higher temperatures, "till there is one fire strong enough and sudden enough to blow the whole star apart."

But not all stars are like the sun. There are those heavier stars, Avrett says, whose mass is so great, and gravity so strong that no explosion is powerful enough to halt a tighter and tighter collapse of the star.

White dwarf stars are stars the mass of the sun collapsed to the

size of the earth, the atoms packed as tightly as they will go. In the more massive neutron star, the tremendous gravity has broken down and collapsed even the free space inside the atoms. A neutron star might measure a mile across and be spinning 30 times a second, Avrett says.

But it is the third and greatest state of star collapse that Avrett particularly likes to consider. It is called a black hole, and it is a star with a volume so small and mass and gravity so great that not even the light it generates can escape from its surface. "You don't see black holes," he says with a smile.

And it seems that you wouldn't want to get too close to one. Avrett describes a recently-discovered black hole that is sucking in a neighboring star. "A black hole is irreversible," he says. "No matter falling into a black hole ever gets out again. It's a one-way ticket to nowhere."

"There's some interesting speculation here on the ultimate fate of the universe," he says, though he feels that black holes are too few and far between to devour everything.

What else is out there? He says there is most likely some life, somewhere. Radio astronomers have discovered the kind of complicated molecules that could turn into living things, given the right environment.

"Life is not at all unusual," Avrett says. "It is reasonable to assume that there are other civilizations out there. The only problem is the vast interstellar distances." The nearest likely places for life, he says, are hundreds or thousands of light years away. Our earliest radio signals are by now only 50 light years out into space—they still have a long way to go before they will reach the nearest creature who might be watching for them.

He has not been impressed by the recent UFO sightings. "Given the amount of trouble that these extraterrestrial beings would have had in getting here, taking hundreds of years, it would seem to me they would make their arrival more apparent to us." He also suggests with a grin that other civilizations might not find the earth a very interesting place to visit.

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Gifts from Around  
the World



### COME TO OUR OPEN CASTLE

(HOUSE)

Saturday & Sunday 10 AM - 6 PM

DEC. 8 & 9



Wigs, Jewelry,  
Clothing



Mod Items

### COME IN AND VISIT:

Grace Marie, Joyce & Steve Tomaselli  
125 HAVERHILL STREET, LAWRENCE, MASS. Tel. 52471  
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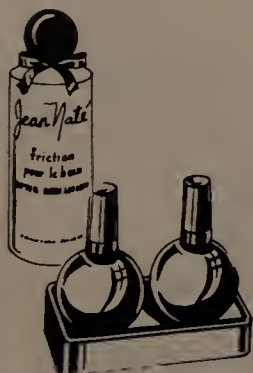
HOURS: Tues. & Fri. 10 - 8:30  
Wed., Thurs. & Sat. 10 - 5:30

## LIGGETT *Roxall* DRUGS

in Shawsheen Plaza

has expanded for your shopping convenience!!

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- **25% off on all men's and women's cosmetics and toiletries**

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- **20% off on Timex Watches**



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